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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)TOPIC Ellerholz - Rechlin Railroad Line

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REMARKS

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1. The Ellerholz - Rechlin railroad line section is the end stretch of the Mirow-Laerz-Ellerholz line, about 5 km long.
2. The single-track, standard-gauge line is used by steam locomotives only. It has wooden ties and ballast and is fouled with grease. It has been reported that the track has been dismantled as far as the former Rechlin railroad station. The station itself, however, is said to have been only partly dismantled. Personnel are not assigned to this installation. The old signal installations have not been removed.
2. The line is not used. All the trains will stop in Ellerholz and freight trains will be unloaded either at Ellerholz or on the siding to the Laerz airfield. Within the last four months only some lorries were observed being pushed to Rechlin, where they were loaded with sand or gravel. Locomotives are not stationed in Ellerholz or in Rechlin and Mirow.
4. The Ellerholz railroad station has two tracks, one of which serves as a siding and shunting track. Contrary to the situation at the Rechlin railroad station, this station is permanently occupied. The railroad cars dispatched to the restricted area in Rechlin or the Laerz airfield are reported by the dispatcher of the Ellerholz railroad station to the Soviet RTO in Rechlin, who then gives the necessary orders. *

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* Comment. The railroad line section reported on was a connection to the former German Rechlin airfield, which is no longer being used by the Soviets. Only the airfield quarters are still in use. The track has apparently not been dismantled so as to retain the possibility of directing individual railroad cars to Rechlin. The winter railroad guide of the Soviet Zone for 1950/51 lists this line section as closed.

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